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Sir:

In the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on May 5, 2005 in the above-captioned application, Applicants brought to the attention of the Examiner several documents cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Application No.

PCT/JP2004/014303, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application.

Among the documents cited were the following four documents:

- (1) JP 2003-78530;
- (2) JP 2004-282255;
- (3) JP 2003-318985; and
- (4) JP 2002-204247.

However, on a return copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement of May 5, 2005, above-noted documents (1) – (4) were crossed out as not considered by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), above-noted documents (1) – (4) must be considered as they were cited in full compliance with all of the requirements required to ensure consideration of the documents. The relevance of these documents are citation in the International Search Report, a copy of which was submitted with the filing of the present application.

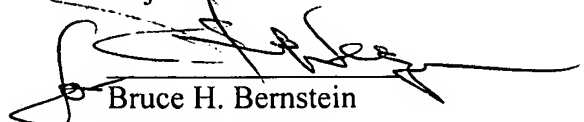
Copies of above-noted documents (1) – (4) were previously submitted together with the above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statement, and thus, are not provided herewith.

Applicants submit that the Examiner must consider the relevance of the documents at least for the reasons set forth in the International Search Report, and further, to the extent the documents can be understood by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants re-list above-noted documents (1) – (4) on an attached Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form PTO-1449 and return a copy of the completed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants to confirm consideration of the documents.

Applicants submit that no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of these documents, as these documents were previously brought to the Examiner's attention.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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